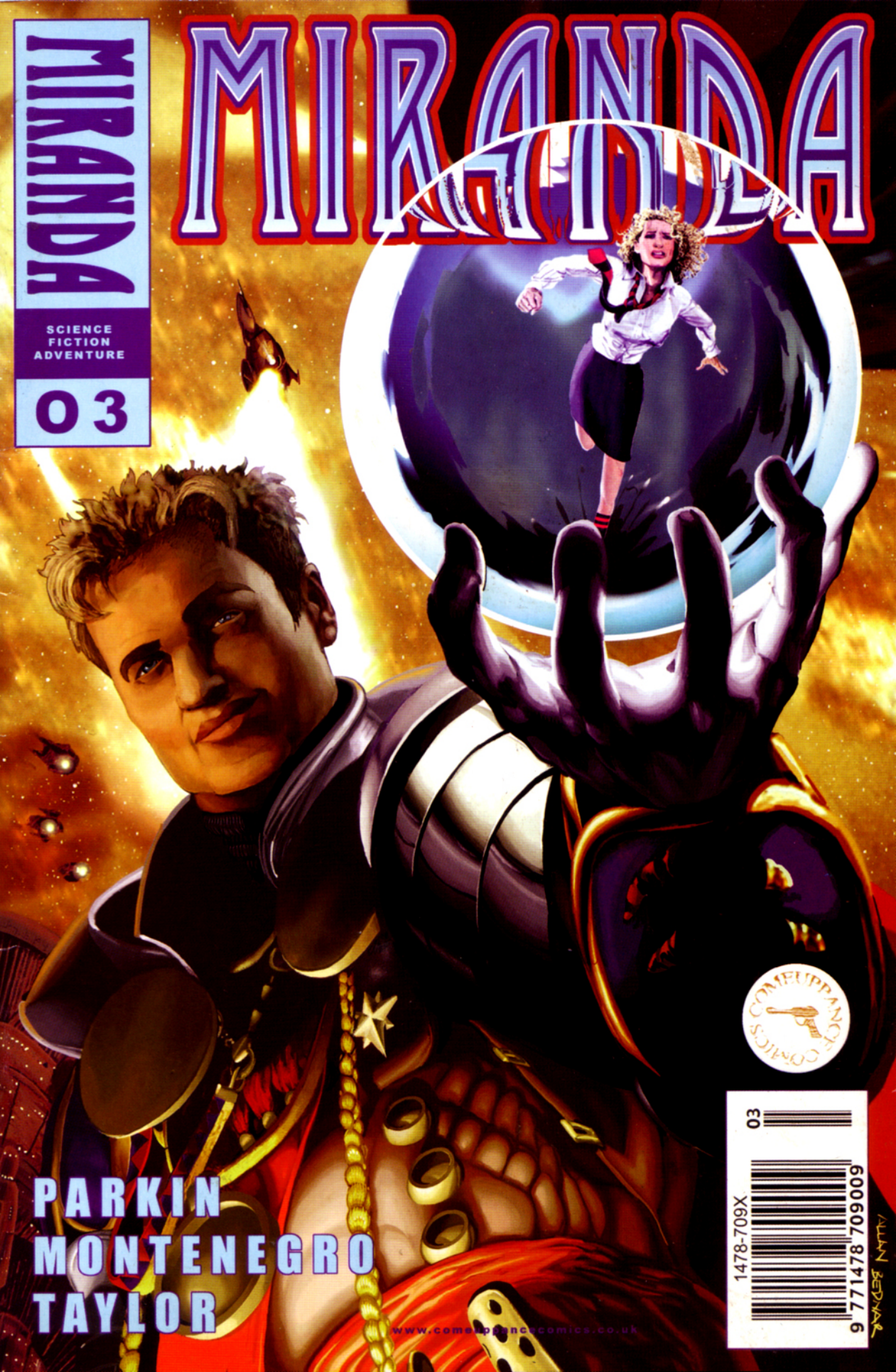
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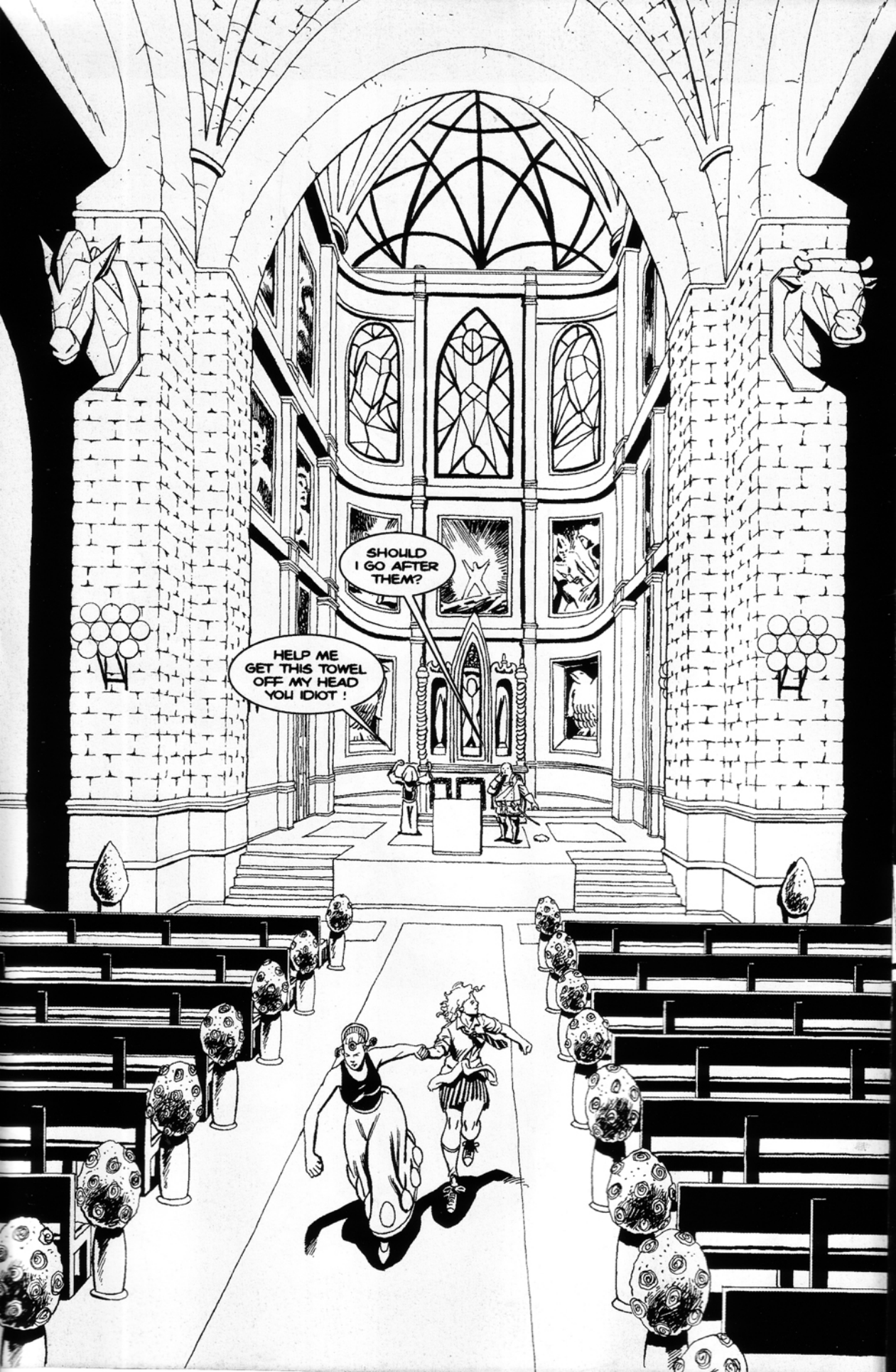
EXCUSE ME?
ROBOT?
I'M BUSY. PREFECT FERRAN WISHES AN AUDIENCE WITH THE EMPRESS MIRANDA. I'M TO FETCH HER.
THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE BEING PAID TO DO.
IT'S THEM I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.
ARE WE REALLY SUPPOSED TO HAVE THIS HALL READY IN TWO DAYS?
THE BRIDE ONLY FOUND OUT ABOUT IT TWO MINUTES AGO AND ..
I KNOW FERRAN WANTS A SPECTACULAR CEREMONY.
BUT WE CAN'T DO 'SPECTACULAR' IN TWO DAYS.
SURELY I COULD HAVE HAD MORE NOTICE?
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL ..
OOF !
VISION IMPAIRED !
I CAN NOT SEE !


SHOULD I GO AFTER THEM?
HELP ME GET THIS TOWEL OFF MY HEAD YOU IDIOT !

WHERE ARE WE GOING?
WE CAN HEAD TO SAFETY FROM THIS AERODROME.
OFF THE NEEDLE AND INTO SPACE?
FERRAN'S BATTLE FLEETS CAN STOP ALMOST ANYTHING FROM LEAVING.
BUT HE DOESN'T CONTROL THE WHOLE NEEDLE. WE'LL GO SOMEWHERE THEY'VE BARELY HEARD OF HIM.
WHO BUILT IT? FERRAN?
YOUR PEOPLE. AEONS AGO.
NO ONE'S SURE WHY AND ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA HOW.
BUT IT'S ONE OF THE FEW PLACES IN THE UNIVERSE WHERE THERES STILL ENERGY
PEOPLE HAVE SETTLED HERE FOR MILLENNIA BUT STILL ONLY ABOUT ONE PERCENT OF THE SURFACE HAS BEEN MAPPED OUT.
A GOOD PLACE TO HIDE THEN. I SUPPOSE.
BELIEVE ME THERE ARE ONLY TWO PEOPLE IN THE UNIVERSE WHO COULD FIND US ...

I'M TOLD YOU TWO CAN FIND ANYONE.
THAT'S THELASH ...
AND THAT'S RUM.
WE CAN FIND A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK.
OR VICE VERSA. IF YOU CAN FIND THE FEE.
AND AS YOU ARE SO VERY WEALTHY PREFECT FERRAN ..
... WHY WE COULD NAME ANY PRICE AND YOU COULD AFFORD IT.
THE EMPRESS MIRANDA HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED BY HER HANDMAIDEN.
YOU JUST CAN'T GET THE STAFF.
YOU'VE NO IDEA WHERE SHE'S GONE?
IF I DID. I WOULDN'T NEED YOU.
YOU'VE GOT ONE DAY TO FIND HER. AND NO ONE MUST KNOW SHE'S MISSING.
START WRITING OUR CHEQUE. WE'LL BE BACK BEFORE YOU FINISH.
UNLESS YOU'RE REALLY FAST AT WRITING COMMAS AND NOUGHTS.

HAVE YOU ANY IDEA HOW WE'RE GOING TO FIND HER?
NONE WHATSOEVER
MIGHT BE AN IDEA TO BRING THE ECTOPIC SCANNER! THOUGH
HEY BUZZ OFF ! THAT'S OUR FLYER.
MY ORDERS ARE TO FETCH THE EMPRESS IM COMING WITH YOU
GUESS AGAIN IRONPANTS.
FERRAN INSISTS AND WILL INCREASE YOUR FEE BY TEN PERCENT.
VERY WELL.
JUST DON'T CRAMP OUR STYLE.
THE EMPRESS MUSTN'T BE HARMED.
WE HAVEN'T FOUND HER YET.
YEAH. FIRST THINGS FIRST.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT ...
WE NEED TO GET OFF THE PLANE.
WE WON'T BE FOR LONG.
WERE IN MID AIR.
THERE'S NO WAY IM JUMPING OUT OF ...
HEY !
DON'T WORRY. THE PLANE'S ANTIGRAVS SHOULD SLOW OUR DESCENT ENOUGH TO PREVENT ANY INJURY.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'SHOULD' ? !

YOU'RE MAD !
TAKE THIS.
HANG ON. WHERE DID YOU GET A TOWEL?
THERE'S A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR YOU TOO AND PROPER BOOTS.
ANSWER MY QUESTION. WHO LEFT IT HERE?
EVERYTHING WAS CAREFULLY ARRANGED. YOU'RE SAFE NOW. FROM FERRAN ANYWAY.

COME ON. GET CHANGED
TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON.
AT LEAST PUT THIS ON. LET YOUR SHIRT DRY.
OK. BUT YOU HAVE TO EXPLAIN WHAT WERE DOING NEXT.
WHAT THE HELL ?!
EMPRESS MIRANDA. IT'S GOOD TO -- AH -- SEE YOU

MACK GIDEON

HE DROVE THE HORDES OF DARKNESS FROM THE CAPELLIAN REPUBLIC...

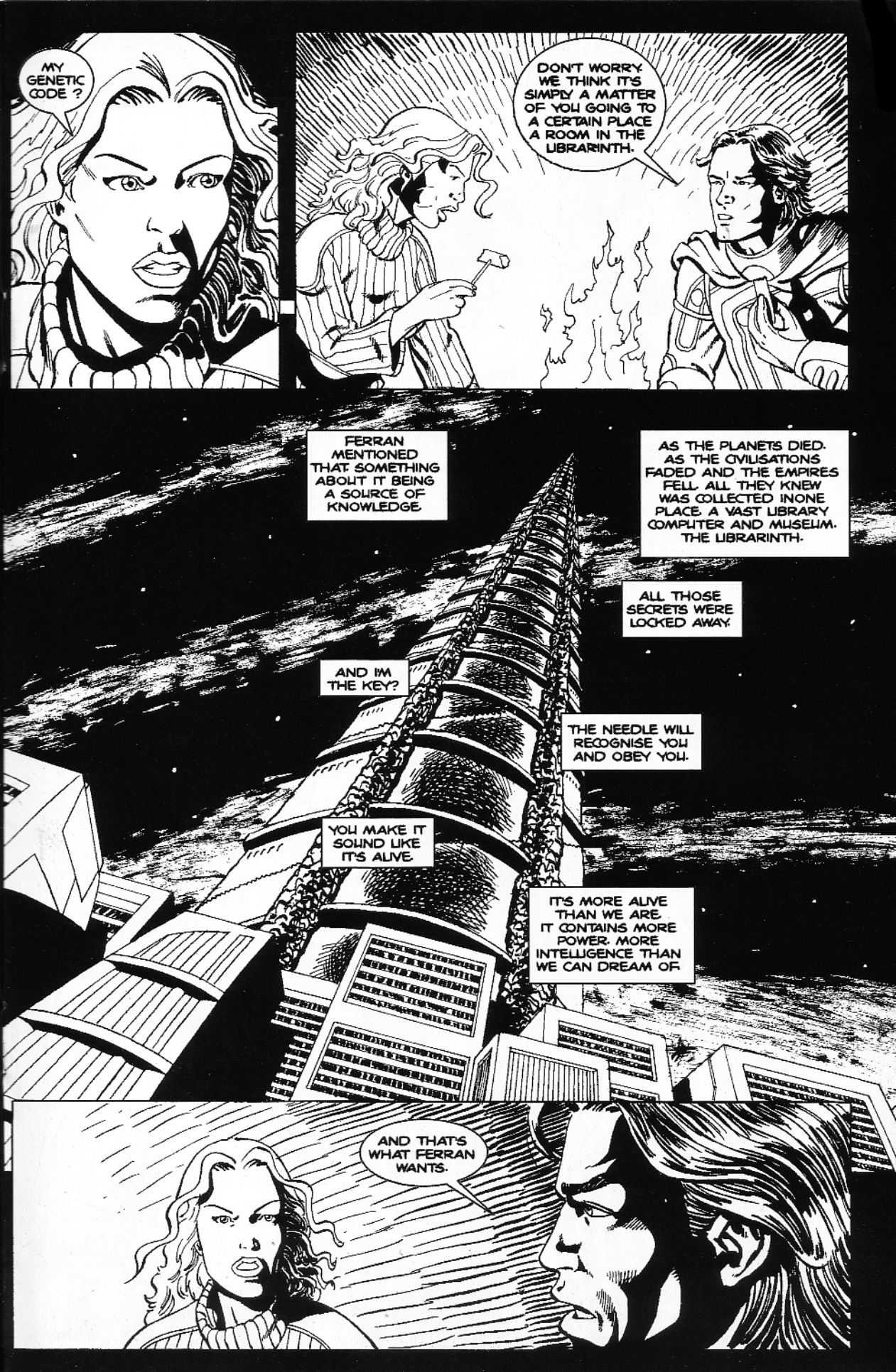
HE SINGLE-HANDEDLY SLEW THE WALRUSOID OF ENDPOINT...

HE'S FOUGHT FERRAN AND HIS TOTALITARIAN FORCES ACROSS SPACE...

HE'S THE GREATEST HERO OF THE TWELVE GALAXIES...

YOU'RE SAFE

IT'S SO DARK HERE
THERE AREN'T MANY STARS LEFT EXCEPT IN CAPTIVITY.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?
IT'S NICE TO SIT DOWN. BUT I'D LIKE AN EXPLANATION.
FOR A START WHAT WAS THAT THING WHICH ATTACKED ME YESTERDAY?
YOU SAID IT YOURSELF THERE'S A LOT OF DARKNESS OUT THERE
THAT COUNTS AS AN EXPLANATION ON YOUR PLANET DOES IT?
YOU ARE THE LAST OF THE KIND WHO BUILT THE NEEDLE.
I GOT THAT FAR ...
MANY OF THE NEEDLE'S SECRETS DIED WITH YOUR FATHER.
I BELIEVE THOSE SECRETS ARE LOCKED AWAY IN YOUR GENETIC CODE.


MY GENETIC CODE ?
DON'T WORRY. WE THINK IT'S SIMPLY A MATTER OF YOU GOING TO A CERTAIN PLACE A ROOM IN THE LIBRARINTH.
FERRAN MENTIONED THAT SOMETHING ABOUT IT BEING A SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE.
AS THE PLANETS DIED. AS THE CIVILISATIONS FADED AND THE EMPIRES FELL ALL THEY KNEW WAS COLLECTED IN ONE PLACE. A VAST LIBRARY COMPUTER AND MUSEUM. THE LIBRARINTH.
ALL THOSE SECRETS WERE LOCKED AWAY.
AND I'M THE KEY?
THE NEEDLE WILL RECOGNISE YOU AND OBEY YOU.
YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE IT'S ALIVE.
IT'S MORE ALIVE THAN WE ARE. IT CONTAINS MORE POWER. MORE INTELLIGENCE THAN WE CAN DREAM OF.
AND THAT'S WHAT FERRAN WANTS.

BUT WHY DOES HE NEED TO MARRY ME?
AS YOUR CONSORT HE ASSUMES YOUR POWERS. AND HIS HEIRS WILL HAVE YOUR GENETIC CODE.
HEIRS ?
WAIT --
WHAT'S WRONG?
I HEARD SOMETHING. I'M GOING TO CHECK THE PERIMETER.
SO -- MACK ... YOU AND HE --
HE'S MY BROTHER.
OH RIGHT. WELL ... UM ... SOMEONE SHOULD WATCH HIS BUM -- ER ... HIS BACK. I'LL GO --

CAPTAIN?
CALL ME MACK.
HAVE YOU FOUND ANYTHING?
NOT YET. BUT HE'S OUT THERE.
THANKS FOR DOING THIS. YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON HERE I CAN TRUST.
MY PLEASURE.
OH PUR...LEASE. IF I WAS CARBON BASED I'D THROW UP

KEEP YOUR TOWELS WHERE I CAN SEE THEM.
HOW DID YOU FIND US?
IT WASN'T HARD. AH ... MACK GIDEON? EXCELLENT. ALL THE BEST WEDDINGS START WITH THE EXECUTION OF A TRAITOR.
GO TO HELL.
OH ... HE WANTS TO DO ALL SORTS OF SQUISHY ORGANIC THINGS TO YOU BEFORE THAT.
SO WHAT THEY'VE TOLD ME IS TRUE? FERRAN WANTS TO KILL ME?
YOU THINK I OUTPUT A DAMN ABOUT THAT?
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANY SECRETS.

WHEN I SAY 'DROP' YOU -- HEY !
AAARGH!
GIVE ME THE GUN !
YOU BITCH ! THAT ACTUALLY HURT ME !

I DON'T NEED TO GIVE YOU THE GUN.

RIGHT. THAT DOES IT. YOU'LL LIVE TO REGRET THAT.
THAT MAKES ONE OF US.
YOU DO REALISE I WANT A REWARD FOR SAVING YOU?
WHAT'S WRONG?

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